

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-35 (canceled)

Claim 36 (currently amended): ~~The~~ An immortalized mammalian cell line of Claim 35,
~~homozygous for a *Stat1* null allele, wherein viral tropism of said cell line has been altered to be~~
~~permissive for viral growth relative to that of the same cell line with wild type alleles of *Stat1*.~~
~~and;~~ wherein the cells of said cell line are fibroblast cells capable of producing influenza virus at
from about 10^3 to about 10^6 PFU/ml at about two days after having been infected.

Claim 37 (canceled)